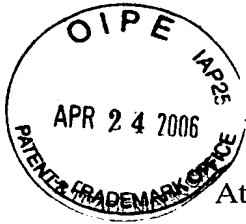


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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

Applicant provides the present Request for Reconsideration in response to the Final Official Action mailed March 3, 2006 (the "Official Action").

It is not believed that an extension of time is required. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

While no amendments to the Claims are presented herein, a **Listing of Claims** is provided for the Examiner's convenience beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.